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## IN THE UNITED STAFFES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Douglas VAN DEN BROEKE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3769

Application No.: 10/756,830 : Group Art Unit: 2891

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING OPTICAL PROXIMITY FEATURES TO A RETICLE PATTERN FOR DEEP SUB-WAVELENGTH OPTICAL LITHOGRAPHY

## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Mail Stop – FEE Amendment Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire August 18, 2006, a petition for a two month extension of time up to and including October 18, 2006 being filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections for the reasons set forth below.